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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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Selectmen's Orders Drawn from time auditors met until town meeting 1915.

86	R. G. Mann, postage and stationery,	\$ 2 00
87	A. E. Holman, auditor,	6 00
88	R. Burridge, auditor and justice,	8 00
89	R. H. Howard, auditor,	6 00
90	Buck Printing Co.,	22 50
91	F. H. Thresher, putting plank on bridge,	1 00
92	Frank Bingham, work on road, putting up roller,	2 50

### SELECTMEN'S ORDERS DRAWN FOR 1915-16.

1	Randolph National Bank,	\$ 500 00
2	Mrs. Chas. Blair, cleaning town hall,	4 00
3	G. D. Mudgett, work and postage,	7 00
4	Mrs. M. T. Luce, ministerial money for 1914,	22 88
5	Mrs. W. F. Flint, ministerial money for 1914,	22 88
6	Mrs. E. C. Battles, " " "	22 87
7	Mrs. R. G. Mann, " " "	22 87
8	F. C. Batchellor, plank,	3 60
9	E. D. Peck, work on town house,	1 30
10	G. D. Bigelow, work and lumber on Thresher bidge.	22 25
11	Randolph National Bank, borrowed money,	1000 00
12	Wm. Ladue, fighting fire,	1 75
13	Jas. E. Cass, work on town house,	4 00
14	Mrs. Hattie Nichols, sand, cement and board,	2 75
15	C. E. Blair, drawing brick and mortar,	3 75
16	John Priest, work on railing,	5 25
17	Mrs. B. E. Nickerson, lumber,	16 31
18	Wm. Ladue, work on bridges,	14 99
19	J. L. Priest, mowing cemetery,	4 00
20	C. D. Luce, work on road,	6 00
21	Randolph National Bank, borrowed money,	500 00
22	S. A. Hutchinson, work on bridges,	7 85
23	Howard Abel & Sons, lumber and work,	10 53

24	Buck Printing Co., tax book,	1 20
25	Randolph National Bank, borrowed money,	500 00
26	Roy Thresher, agriculture adviser,	40 92
27	G. D. Mudgett, work,	7 25
28	H. A. Leonard, formaldehyde and potash,	4 30
29	Wm. H. Perham, attending fire meeting,	3 00
30	S. A. Hutchinson, lettering headstone,	1 63
31	E. S. Tracy, gal. roofing and nails,	9 61
32	G. D. Mudgett, work on bridges,	20 85
33	E. P. Heath, work on bridges,	16 30
34	Ralph Priest, work on bridges,	7 87
35	G. D. Mudgett, work on bridges,	20 62
36	E. P. Heath, work on bridges,	9 40
37	John Sargent, cutting brush,	5 00
38	John Priest, putting up sign and railings,	5 25
39	Mrs. Emery Battles, library purposes,	25 00
40	Half Century Store Co., lime and brick,	1 83
41	R. G. Mann, hemlock plank,	16 27
42	L. F. Abel, to James Hayes fighting fire,	1 00
43	S. A. Hutchinson, work and money paid out,	25 58
44	A. W. Archer, work painting cemetery fence, by order G. W. Flagg,	29 26
45	F. H. Packard, work,	2 00
46	G. D. Mudgett, putting up signs and railings,	14 51
47	Joseph Hamilton, damage to carriage,	5 00
48	Mrs. B. E. Nickerson, plank,	32 96
49	Roy H. Howard, post for railings,	8 00
50	F. C. Batchellor, lumber,	25 77
51	M. M. Wilson, advice to selectmen and overseer,	7 00
52	R. G. Mann, elimination of crossing,	982 63
53	G. W. Flagg, paint and cement for Branch cemetery,	26 10
54	J. C. Sherburne, warnings and notices,	3 50
55	G. C. Flint, services as town clerk,	35 34
57	S. H. Thoyer, services as town officer,	43 11
57	W. F. Banister, housing roller, lister and water,	19 50
58	C. C. Bass, with board civil authority,	1 00
59	D. L. Fisher, services as lister,	21 50

60	G. W. Flagg, mowing cemetery,	8 00
61	G. I. Ford, snowing bridge,	5 00
62	Glenn Flint, water tub,	1 50
65	S. A. Hutchinson, duplicate for No. 10, 1914,	1 00
67	E. H. Chadwick, E. Braintree water tub,	2 00
67	S. A. Hutchinson, water tub, mowing cemetery, work,	3 50
68	W. A. Fletcher, driving hearse,	6 00
69	S. A. Hutchinson, services as selectman,	23 00
70	R. G. Mann, services as treasurer and postage,	22 00
71	G. D. Mudgett, services as selectman,	23 54
72	J. W. Bigelow, money paid out for work,	9 50
73	J. W. Bigelow, services as selectman,	21 00
74	Wm Ladue, services as overseer of the poor,	25 75
Total orders drawn,		<hr/> \$4386 68

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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E. H. Smith, comm.,	\$350 06
Fred Hutchinson, 4 horses 38 d 2 h, 59 d,	395 98
Rufus Flint, 117 d, horse 2 ds,	212 68
Geo. Thayer, 82 d 8 1-2 h,	149 33
Pearl Rand, 101 d 7 1-2 h, t 1 d 7 1-2 h,	190 77
Roy Fletcher, 52 d 8 1-2 h,	95 63
Enos Brothers, 29 d 4 h,	53 00
David Abel, t 29 d,	117 61
Henry White, t 5 d 6 1-2 h, m 3 1-2 h,	23 48
Robert Ferguson, picking stone,	50
Levi Abel, 2 hoes,	90
C. J. Bass, 14 d 3 h,	19 34
Dan Bass, 4 h,	80
Foster Terry, t 2 d m 6 h,	9 10

Willis Whitney, 8 d 7 1-2 h,	15 85
Earl Smith, 1 d 8 h,	7 65
C. S. Bent, t 12 d 5 h, m 2 d 1 h,	54 60
P. W. Flint, t 9 d,	36 45
Ray Fletcher, 5 d,	9 00
Francis Vinton, t 5 d,	20 25
R. I. Thayer, t 16 d 4 1-2 h, m 6 d 5 h,	79 16
John Priest, 4 d,	7 20
Geo. Locke, 5 d,	9 00
A. W. Burrige, t 10 d, m 13 d 2 h,	64 28
Leon Downing, t 1 d 4 h,	5 80
E. P. Heath, 2 men and team 1 d,	5 75
Clifford Battles, t 7 h,	3 15
Martin Linfield, 1 d 6 h,	3 00
Glenn Webster, t 13 1-2 h, m 6 1-4,	6 38
Henry Russell, 3 1-2 h,	70
Rupert Mann, 724 ft. plank,	13 03
O. J. Marcott, 530 ft. plank,	10 60
Austin Archer, horse 2 d, m 5 d 7 h,	15 50
B. A. Flint, team 5 d,	20 25
H. F. Flint, gravel,	5 00
R. C. Thayer, "	7 50
G. D. Bigelow, gravel,	7 10
John Blanchard, "	7 50
Geo. Adams, 1 d,	1 80
D. T. Flint, 1 d 2 1-4 h,	2 25
Wm. Perham, m 14 h, horse 5 h,	3 30
Waldo Butterfield, 3 h t,	1 35
Pearl Lemmery, t 4 3-4 h, m 2 d 7 1-2 h,	7 16
Chas. Luce, 8 d 3-4 h,	14 55
Frank Thresher, use of stone boat,	2 00
Jas. Hayes, repairs,	1 45
United Construction Co., 2 blades,	11 92
Good Roads Co., 2 gal. culverts,	25 92
O. N. Gates, 2 d t,	8 00
Hoyt Stowe, snowing bridge,	5 00
Wm. Ladue, t 4 d 4 h,	18 00
S. A. Hutchinson, t 3 d 6 1-2 h,	15 50

John Sears, 2 d 6 h,	4 80
Geo. Mudgett, t 3 d 4 1-2 h,	14 00
John Hatch, 2 d 4 1-2 h,	4 50
E. E. Monroe, 7 1-2 h,	1 43
Noah Poirier, plank,	1 65
Henry Luce, t 1 1-2 h, m 2 h,	1 04
J. B. Hutchinson, t 2 d,	8 00
Glenn Thayer, 22 d 4 h,	40 40
Ernest Burrige, 2 d 4 h,	4 40
Jas. Oney, blacksmithing,	3 20
J. H. Lamson & Sons, dynamite and supplies,	49 80
Jos. Alix, 9 d 1 1-2 h,	16 50
Osgood, Roundy & Co., moldboard,	2 50
S. Davis, t 13 1-2 h, m 2 1-2,	6 46
Albert Carpenter,	2 00
D. C. Woodworth,	5 00
Geo. I. Ford, t 3 d 2 h,	12 80
Clint. Bowen, t 3 d,	12 00
Perry Flint, t 2 d,	8 00
Henry Brothers, t 2 d,	8 00
Ralph Nichols, t 2 d 7 1-2 h,	11 50
Buck Printing Co., 2 order books,	2 30
Richard Hutchinson, 4 h,	80

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Total,

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\$2573 16

Orders drawn 222-255, 1-190.

Work done by Road Commissioner by Order of Selectmen

Snow work Jan. 17th to May 1, 1915,	\$148 08
" Dec. 1915 to Jan. 25, 1916,	123 86
Cutting bushes,	46 67
Work on new road by order of Public Service Commissioner,	25 00

State Work per Order of State Commissioner

Job 1-37, roads near Geo. Dibbell's,	244 33
Job 2-39, " Clark Abel's,	230 12

Job 3-42,           “       H. F. Flint's	125 60
Job 4-86,           “       Braintree Hill,	198 35
Job 5-100, roads resurfacing Braintree,	142 95
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State work,	\$ 941 35
Maintenance on state roads,	430 57
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Total,	\$1715 53

State and Town work 796 loads gravel used.

#### TOWN TOOLS .

1 road plow  
 1 land plow  
 1 scraper  
 2 hones  
 1 road machine  
 4 snow rolls  
 3 picks  
 1 bog hoe  
 1 sod fork  
 8 shovels  
 3 hoes  
 1 rake  
 7 drills  
 3 hammers  
 2 iron bars

E. H. SMITH, Road Commissioner.

## OVERSEER'S REPORT

From Jan. 1915, to Feb. 1, 1916

Melissa Luce, for board,	\$156 47	
for clothing,	4 03—	\$160 50
Rose Ashe, for groceries,	40 99	
for wood,	1 25—	42 24
John McIntyre, for Sanatorium and board,	240 29	
for medical attendance,	14 95	
funeral expenses,	37 60—	292 84
Will Colburn, for board,	24 00	
for clothing,	18 50—	42 50
Mrs. J. E. Ryder, for med. attendance,	30 72	
for clothing,	8 83—	39 55
Eunice Thompson, to Sanatorium,	52 86	
care of children,	25 00	
medical attendance,	32 00	
clothing,	1 00	
carrying Mr. Thompson to Sanatorium,	3 00	
for groceries,	88 04—	201 90
Mrs. Lee Bourne, medical attendance,	66 75	
nurse,	14 00	
Sanatorium,	10 00	
ambulance,	3 00	
groceries,	23 94	
wood,	2 50—	120 19
For keeping tramps,		23 50
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Total,		\$923 22

### CREDIT

From Randolph on Rose Ashe acctnt,	\$ 22 96
Sale of Putnam place,	150 00
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	\$172 96

WM. LADUE, Overseer.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF BRAINTREE, To GEORGE C. FLINT, Town Clerk.

	Recording warning for town meeting,	\$ 50
March 2	Attending town meeting,	2 00
	Recording " "	2 00
	Making return to County Clerk,	25
	Recording oaths of town officers,	70
	" town officers bonds,	1 50
	Making report to State Supt., 139	
	names at 3c,	4 17
	Recording and reporting road mileage,	50
	Making reports to tax commissioner,	1 00
	Recording road proceedings at Braintree,	1 50
	" " and pent road survey,	1 00
	Making list of trans. from Jan. 25th, '15	
	to Jan. 28th, 1916,	4 25
	1-2 day with board of civil authority,	50
	Postage and stationery,	57
	Recording 2 town reports,	10 00
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		\$31 44

## VITAL STATISTICS

Returning 15 births, 10 deaths and 4 marriages	
to Sec. of State Board of Health,	\$2 90
Getting names of 7 births,	70
Making 2 certified copies to other towns,	30
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	\$3 90

## ACCOUNT WITH DOG FUND

Licensing 85 dogs at \$1.00 each,	\$85 00
“ 1 dog, female,	6 00
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Total amount received,	\$91 00
Clerk's fees at 15c each,	12 90
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Total paid to treasurer,	\$78 10

Attest, GEO. C. FLINT, Town Clerk.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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R. G. MANN, Treasurer

In Account with the TOWN OF BRAINTREE

1915		DR.	
		Cash on hand at time of settlement,	\$ 354 51
		Land rents 1910-11-12-13,	4 00
Mar.	8	Selectmen borrowed money,	500 00
	15	Wm. Ladue, overseer,	15 92
May	15	Geo. Flint, town clerk, dog money,	78 10
	21	Lyman Hutchinson, cemetery fund,	100 00
June	22	Selectmen borrowed money,	1000 00
July	5	S. H. Thayer on tax bill 1914,	140 00
	29	Selectmen borrowed money,	500 00
Sept.	7	Central Vermont Railroad,	25 00
	13	Selectmen borrowed money,	500 00
		S. H. Thayer, coll. on tax bill 1915,	280 00
	15	Wm. Ladue, from Udney Putnam, Est.,	150 00
	28	S. H. Thayer, coll. on tax bill 1915,	350 00
Oct.	12	" " "	420 00
	19	" " "	392 00
	22	" " "	560 00
	24	" " "	1120 00
	27	" " "	1400 00
	30	State treas., apportionment state high-way tax,	606 23
Nov.	7	State treas., auto maintenance fund,	71 48
	23	" permanent road work,	96 08
Dec.	8	Wm. Ladue, overseer, from town of Randolph,	7 04
		Ministerial land rents 1914,	23 00
		" " 1915,	89 50
1916			
Jan.	27	State treas., maintenance fund,	200 00
		Luther Tracy, cemetery lot,	5 00

Feb.	1	S. H. Thayer, coll. on tax bill	1915,	582 40
		"	"	
		"	"	
	7	"	"	62 30
		"	"	
		"	"	49 88
		"	"	
		"	"	3 53
		"	"	
		"	"	15 14
		"	"	
		"	"	2 52
		"	"	
		"	"	3 75
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				\$9707 38

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1915

June	17	County treas., county tax,	\$ 39 22
	25	Randolph National Bank, interest,	157 92
Oct.	25	State treas., state highway tax,	196 09
		“ “ school tax,	313 74
Nov.	6	Randolph National Bank, interest,	52 50
		“ “ notes,	3000 00
Dec.		Bounties,	4 05
	28	Randolph National Bank, interest,	135 28
Jan.	31	Reporting births and deaths,	6 00
		Paying selemmen's orders,	1949 78
		“ road commissioner,	1427 24
		Road work done by order of select-	
		men and paid by road commis-	
		sioner's orders,	1160 31
		Paying overseer's orders,	911 24
		Cash at bank,	354 01
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			\$9707 38

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

R. G. MANN, Treasurer,

In account with the HIGHWAY FUND, DR.

Amount of highway tax,	\$993 57
State treas., maintenance fund,	200 00

“ auto “ fund,	71 48
Appropriated by selectmen,	162 19
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	\$1427 24

CR.

Paying E. H. Smith, road commissioner's orders,	\$1427 24
R. G. MANN, Treasurer,	

In account with DOG FUND, DR.

Cash on hand,	\$985 40
Amount received from licenses,	78 10
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	\$1063 50

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1915 Tax Bill

SELVA H. THAYER, Collector, DR.

To amt. of town tax bill,	\$4570 50
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CR.

By paying treasurer,	\$4233 87
Discount to taxpayers,	154 76
Abatements,	12 65
Uncollected taxes,	169 22—\$4570 50
To amt. of school tax bill,	\$2384 61

CR.

By paying treasurer,	\$2208 98
Discount to taxpayers,	80 75
Abatements,	6 60
Uncollected taxes,	88 28—\$2384 61
To amt. of highway tax bill,	\$993 59

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CR.

By paying treasurer,	\$920 41
Discount to taxpayers,	33 65
Abatements,	2 75
Uncollected taxes,	36 78—\$993 59

1914 Tax Bill

To balance of tax bill,	\$392 08
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CR.

By paying treasurer on town tax,	\$169 07
“ “ school tax,	88 21
“ “ highway tax,	36 76
Abatements,	4 00
Uncollected taxes,	94 04— \$392 08

1913 Tax Bill

To balance of tax bill,	\$86 42
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CR.

By paying treasurer on town tax,	\$12 43
“ “ school tax,	6 48
“ “ highway tax,	2 71
Uncollected taxes,	64 80— \$86 42

1912 Tax Bill

To balance of tax bill,	\$35 77
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CR.

By paying treasurer on town tax,	2 05
“ “ school tax,	1 12
“ “ highway tax,	47
Uncollected taxes,	32 13— \$35 77

1911 Tax Bill

To balance of tax bill,	\$10 61
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CR.

1910 Tax Bill

To balance of tax bill,	\$12 25
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CR.

By paying treasurer on town tax,	\$3 00	
“ “ school tax,	1 50	
“ “ highway tax,	75	
Uncollected taxes,	7 00—	\$12 25

SELVA H. THAYER, Collector.

## LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

### 1915 Tax Bill

Adams, G. H & wife,	\$15 00	Packard, Geo. A.	\$ 4 00
Archer, W. N.	4 00	Parker, Beulah	1 50
Banister, W. W.	4 00	Peck, A. O.	5 50
Bent, W. J.	4 00	Peck, Ernest	4 00
Blanchard, John W.	27 50	Pratt, A. M.	13 20
Brothers, H. E.	43 00	Rabtoy, Charles	3 00
Brothers, E. A.	4 00	Rogers, Matilda	3 00
Davis, Samuel	6 76	Royce, Fred P.	9 50
Emerson, F. A.	6 00	Smith, H. M.	23 00
Flint, Perry H.	37 50	Smith, J. J.	1 00
Flint, Guy,	3 00	Spaulding, Roy	6 00
Ferguson, H. T.	4 00	Thayer, Glenn	4 00
Greene, Clarence	4 00	Trask, Geo. W.	7 00
Gushea, E. E.	7 00	White, H. R.	4 00
Hayes, J. F.	4 00	Wilson, Asa R.	10 10
McGlaufflin, A. F.	3 22	Wilson, Clara A.	12 00
Meyett, Lewis	5 50	Sherman, E. E.	1 00

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 \$294 28

## 1914 Tax Bill

Banister, W. W.	4 00	Flint, P. H.	44 44
Bent, W. J.	4 00	Morris, R. W.	9 90
Bero, Lewis,	4 00	Royce, Fred P.	9 50
Beans, Lewis	4 00	Tyler, Wade	4 00
Davis, Samuel	5 92	White, H. R.	4 28
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			\$94 04

## 1913 Tax Bill

Davis, Samuel	5 60	Boyce, Fred P.	1 51
Flint, P. H.	45 00	Trask, Olive	69
Greene, Effie	8 00	Trask, Geo. W.	4 00
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			\$64 80

## 1912 Tax Bill

McCarthy, Maud	22 43	Riley, Bert	3 90
Hinkson, Geo.	3 90	Trask, Geo. W.	1 90
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			\$32 13

## 1911 Tax Bill

McCarthy, Maud	6 91	Stone, James	3 70
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			\$10 61

## 1910 Tax Bill

Stone, James	3 50	White, H. R.	3 50
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			\$7 00

Due from Collector,

\$502 86

SELVA H. THAYER, Collector.

## SELECTMEN'S OUTSTANDING ORDERS

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1914			
No. 1,	\$500 00	No. 12,	\$1000 00
2,	500 00	25,	1000 00
			\$3000 00

1915			
No. 1,	\$500 00	No. 60,	\$ 8 00
11,	1000 00	65,	1 00
21,	500 00	66,	2 00
25,	500 00	67,	3 50
49	8 00	68,	6 00
50,	25 77	69,	23 00
51,	7 00	70,	22 00
53,	26 10	74,	25 75
56,	43 11		
			\$2701 23

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S OUTSTANDING ORDERS

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No. 179,	\$1 35	No. 186,	\$6 00
184,	8 00	188,	3 16
			\$18 51

## OVERSEER'S OUTSTANDING ORDERS

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No. 51,	\$ 3 00	No. 72,	\$51 00
69,	10 00	73,	3 00
71,	24 00		
			\$91 00

## LAND RENTS DUE

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	1914	
W. F. Banister,		\$1 00
	1915	
W. F. Banister,		\$1 00
H. P. Riford Est.,		1 00

## LIABILITIES OF TOWN

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Due on Selectmen's orders,	\$5701 23
" Road Com. orders,	18 51
" Overseer's orders,	91 00
Ministerial money due,	91 50—\$5902 24

## ASSETS OF TOWN

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Cash on hand,	\$354 01
Due from Collector,	502 86
" land rents,	3 00
Overseer's mortgage on Thomson house,	201 90
1 steel bridge below Braintree station,	800 00—\$1861 77
Net indebtedness of town,	4040 47



## CEMETERY FUNDS

Partridge fund,	\$ 25 00
J. W. Linfield fund,	25 00
Percival fund,	50 00
Lyman Hutchinson, fund,	100 00

RUSSELL BURRIDGE,	} Auditors
LESTER FLINT,	
FRANK BATCHELLOR,	

For the year 1916 we would recommend the following tax on the Grand List—Town tax 115c, Highway 25c, School 80c.

This is an increase of 20c on the school tax which will be necessary to meet the extra cost of schools caused by the school law enacted by the last legislature.

Under that law we are obliged to maintain 34 weeks of school each year and Directors are not allowed to employ a teacher at a wage less than \$8.00 per week.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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School Orders drawn from July 1, to Jan. 31.

No.

1	Russell Burr ridge, ser. as auditor, 2 yrs.,	\$ 2 00
2	F. C. Batchellor, " "	1 00
3	L. A. Flint, " "	1 00
4	R. G. Mann, ser. as Treas.,	10 00
5	Mrs. Florence Foley, wood,	2 00
6	Mrs. R. C. Thayer, teaching and board,	45 00
7	Randolph Nat'l Bank, interest,	6 00
8	H. H. Rice, ser. as Supt.,	13 26
9	Harry Flint, labor,	24 75
10	Buck Printing Co., reports,	18 00
11	C. H. Abel, taking census,	5 80
12	J. H. DuBois, insurance,	17 50
13	Buck Prtnting Co., order books,	2 50
14	O. S. Thayer, repairs and material,	2 50
15	Mrs. C. H. Woodworth, papering and cleaning,	3 00
16	Mrs. L. F. Abel, postage on reports,	1 30
17	Freda Prince, teaching,	40 00
18	Elsie Dibbell " "	44 00
19	Mildred Howard, teaching,	40 00
20	Florence Williams, " "	44 00
21	Esther Flint, " "	40 00
22	C. H. Abel, supplies,	4 93
23	Mrs. Nellie Russell, cleaning 5 houses,	10 00
24	E. P. Smith, incidentals,	3 45
25	Mrs. R. C. Thayer, teaching,	40 00
26	Edna Seymore, wood,	19 75
27	Bert Bass, flag,	1 00
28	Mildred Howard, teaching,	40 00
29	Mrs. Geo. Thayer, janitor,	5 50
30	Maude Eddy, teaching,	50 00
31	Elsie Dibbell, teaching,	44 00
32	Victoria Morse, teaching,	64 00
33	C. H. Woodworth, wood,	23 18

34	Thomas Jarvis, labor,	1 00
35	Mrs. E. E. Monroe, cleaning,	1 50
36	L. F. Abel, supplies,	10 76
37	Chas. Blair, transportation,	20 00
38	John Sears, labor,	2 00
39	W. C. Amee, wood and flag pole,	12 75
40	Winnifred Burrridge, teaching and janitor,	134 15
41	W. E. Lamson, paper,	90
42	C. H. Abel, check to McAuliffe Paper Co.,	15 99
43	“ “ Silver, Burdett & Co.,	2 66
44	“ “ Hinds & Noble,	31 17
45	“ “ Chas. Scribner Sons,	1 74
46	“ “ The MacMillan Co.,	2 64
46	“ “ D. C. Heath & Co.,	95
48	“ “ J. L. Hammett Co.,	18 78
49	Freida Prince, teaching,	80 00
50	Florence Williams, teaching,	88 00
51	Mildred Howard, “	40 00
51	Grace Pearsons, “	96 00
53	Esther Flint, “	80 00
54	Elsie Dibbell, “	44 00
55	Hazel Ferguson, janitor,	2 00
56	Maude Eddy, teaching,	82 00
57	Victoria Morse, “	32 00
58	Chas. Sumner, tuition Mark Sumner,	30 00
59	L. A. Flint, labor,	3 00
60	Warren Battles, janitor,	1 75
61	W. L. Eddy, flag pole,	1 00
62	E. P. Smith, labor and money paid,	5 40
63	Victoria Morse, teaching,	24 00
64	Mrs. R. C. Thayer, “	40 00
65	Winifred Burrridge, “	44 00
66	Josephine Emery, “	48 00
67	Mildred Howard, “	40 00
68	C. H. Abel, check to D. C. Heath & Co.,	1 75
69	“ “ Silver, Burdett & Co.,	11 07
70	“ “ The McMillan Co.,	4 80
71	“ “ McAuliffe Paper Co.,	7 00

72	"	"	D. Appleton & Co.,	67
73	"	"	labor and money paid out,	11 50
74			Florence Williams, teaching,	44 00
75			J. A. Cruickshank, transportation,	17 60
76			C. H. Abel, union office rent and incidentals,	5 78
77			Maud Eddy, teaching,	44 00
78			Mrs. R. C. Thayer, "	30 00
79			Mildred Howard, "	40 00
80			Winifred Burrige, "	44 00
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## OUTSTANDING ORDERS

1915

99,	\$500 00
140,	500 00
135,	8 00

1915-1916

66,	48 00
80,	44 00—\$1100 00
Due from state on trained teachers,	\$274 00
" other towns tuition,	120 00
" land rent,	23 96

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT

R. G. MANN, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN SCHOOL OF BRAINTREE, DR.

June	26	Cash on hand at settlement,	\$ 491 20
July	6	John Robson, land rent 1911-14,	28 00
Oct.	30	State treas., division state school fund,	724 15
Nov.	13	" town superintendent,	127 99
Dec.	6	Tuition from Granville,	75 00

Jan.	24	Land rent,	6 00
Feb.	1	Tuition from Randolph and Brookfield,	88 55
		S. H. Thayer, coll. on tax bill 1915,	2208 98
		“ “ “ 1914,	87 21
		“ “ “ 1913,	6 48
		“ “ “ 1912,	1 12
		“ “ “ 1910,	1 50
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Paying school directors orders,	\$2216 47
Randolph National Bank, notes,	1200 00
“ “ interest,	47 67
Cash on hand,	383 04
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\$3847 18	

### Report of Secretary of Braintree Library Trustees

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The Braintree Public Library has received the twenty-five dollars annual aid for 1915 from the State of Vermont, they giving us thirty-three books and we have purchased forty with the town's money. The Library Trustees were unable to find any one at Braintree who would take care of the Library that has been kept there so Mrs. Emery Battles took the Library home and it is still there. Books are kept at the homes of Mrs. Geo. Ford, Mrs. Ralph Nichols, Mrs. S. P. Cleveland, and Mrs. Francis Vinton, so with the Library at East Braintree we can furnish the schools and town's people with books as conveniently as possible.

MRS. A. C. WAKEFIELD, Secretary.

Report of **Mrs. E. C. BATTLES**, Treasurer,

Of the **LIBRARY ACCOUNT**, Dr

Cash on hand Jan. 25, 1915,	\$ 5 89	
Rec'd of Mrs. G. Farrington,	55	
" Mrs. R. Nichols,	35	
Cards sold,	50	
Rec'd of selectmen,	25 00—	\$32 29

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Paid E. C. Battles, moving books and cup-		
board,	\$ 1 50	
for new books,	17 80	
P. O. order and stamps,	16	
Mrs. Ralph Nichols for caris,	1 43	
A. C. Wakefield, freight and post.,	90 —	21 79
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Cash on hand,		\$10 50

### Report of Health Officer for the Year 1915

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There have been reported to the health officer during the year 1915, two cases Scarlet Fever, one case Typhoid Fever and one case Chicken-pox. The following deaths have occurred during the past year :

- Jan. 1 Luella Elizabeth Pecor, Cholorsis, age 8 yrs. 6 mos.  
24 days.
- 12 Delia N. Slack, Dilation of Heart, age 56 yrs. 10  
mos. 8 days.

- Apr. 18 Marion Gamble Croutchey, Appoplexy, age 77 yrs.  
8 mos. 10 days.
- 19 Willard Thompson, Pneumonia, age 69 yrs.
- June 15 Eugene Albert Hamlet, killed by cars, age 38 yrs.  
6 mos. 5 days.
- 26 Anna Julia Packard, Taxæmia, age 61 yrs. 1 mo. 2  
days,
- Oct. 14 Dearborn Woodworth, Organic Heart Disease, age  
65 yrs. 3 mos. 26 days.
- 29 Mary Brown Bass, Fracture of Hip, age 89 yrs. 6  
mos. 29 days.
- Dec. 25 Augusta Hall Eddy, Cerebral Embolis, age 60 yrs.  
3 mos. 29 days.

S. P. CLEVELAND, Health Officer.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Directors and the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:*

It seems best to make this report cover some of the work of the entire supervisory district because the district is the unit for supervision and in the main the remarks about the schools of one town will apply to those of the other towns.

First of all I wish to thank the directors and the people, the teachers and the pupils for the hearty cooperation they have given me and also the kindly way they have received the new superintendent. Whole hearted cooperation is essential if we are to get the best results from our school system. I wish to thank the teachers also for the cheerful way in which all suggestions and criticisms have been received and acted upon.

Only one term entire has passed since your superintendent assumed office and the time has been too short to draw many conclusions and likewise too short to report much progress. The State Board of Education is required to formulate and issue a state course of study and it is expected that this course of study, or at least a good outline of it, will be issued this year so that it may be used in the schools next year. This will give much more uniformity in the school work and it will be a very essential part of the school equipment. Because of the expected issue of this course of study few changes have been made in the course of study at present used in some of the schools.

Before I had visited a single school, in fact before the schools had opened, I found that the work in arithmetic was poor. This was shown by personal inspection of the papers in this subject handed to me by candidates for free tuition in the high schools at the time they took the examinations. This opinion was verified by the average grades, by towns and subjects,



which have been prepared at Mr. Stone's office. In even numbers the following are the average standings in arithmetic : Braintree 27 per cent, Brookfield 20 per cent, Randolph town 45 per cent. In my opinion these low standings are due to the use of poor text books and not to poor teaching. The text book used last year in all the rural schools is more of a compilation of arithmetical problems than a text book in arithmetic.

Half the schools use supplementary arithmetics ; have on an average 4 of these books each. Braintree has but 3 of these books. These supplementary books are not well adapted for use in a rural state like Vermont, but will be retained and used. I am not in favor of buying more of this kind when the old ones wear out as modern books can be bought for half the cost of the old books. Brookfield bought enough of the new Silver Burdett arithmetics so that it is likely that the work in this subject will be much improved. The books will cost less than  $1\frac{2}{3}$  cents per pupil per year. Braintree has a few in the schools. In one case the teacher bought the books. The work in arithmetic that relates to farm life is wretchedly poor. This is due to the use of the old arithmetics which had practically no problems of this kind. Special effort will be encouraged in this subject and by the end of next year it is expected that the upper grade pupils will be able to work any ordinary problem relating to rural life. We expect to take up some live problems.

The question of text books is a very important one. The cost of good text books is low and it is bad economy to use poor ones. Most of the text books now in use are good ones, some are of the best while some are out of date. Hundreds of books have been brought from the school into the rural office. They have been sorted, repaired and placed on the shelves of the store room. These books are gradually being placed in the

schools where needed. There is an insufficient supply of readers for the lower grades : the little folks wear out books faster than the older pupils. Once in a while we have to order new books to fill out the number required for the schools. Comparatively few books have been bought however. The amount of money spent for text books is a very small part of the cost of a pupil's education. In the United States it is about 2 per cent of the cost of running the schools. In the town of Braintree it is about 1 per cent. Since the cost of text books is so small a part of the total school expenses and the importance of having good text books cannot be overestimated, it is evidently unwise to handicap teacher and pupils with poor books or equipment.

Efforts are being made to improve the work in reading in all grades. Modern text books are now in use. The systems of reading must be taught as the authors intend that they should be taught if we are to get good results. By following the methods they have outlined more closely we expect to improve the reading. The three upper grades will recite together for reasons of efficiency and will read a list of books selected by the superintendent. These books include books on general literature, historical readers, farm life readers and travel. Books on hand will be used and there will be no cost except some extra work by the superintendent.

A new system of writing has been introduced : the Palmer system which is in general use in this country. This is simply a variation of the business writing which has been taught for years in the business schools. It produces results which the old copy book system was unable to do and as compared with the old copy book system formerly in use the cost is trifling. The new system costs about 2 cents per pupil per year while the old system cost about 25 cents, book cost. A few schools show a

marked improvement in writing. We do not expect a rapid improvement as writing is a subject that takes years to develop. A review of the work in the other subjects will not be given because of lack of space in this report.

The supply question is one that is constantly before the superintendent. Much care has been used in purchasing supplies and I believe they have been bought at the lowest possible price. Supplies for stock are ordered only when we have an order large enough to get the lowest freight rate thereby saving on transportation charges. In buying some supplies, as for example, paper and crayon, we have been able to get jobbers' prices which are lower than the wholesale prices. This is done by getting the supplies for the three towns at one time and ordering in case lots. The Clough school has a new blackboard. One of the blackboards was beyond repair. Slate is recommended for blackboards. Slate can be bought at the quarry for less than a good imitation and I see no reason for the use of imitation slate. The later kind of black board requires painting nearly every year and this costs time, trouble and money. This kind of board requires three times the amount of chalk that the slate requires, thereby costing three times as much for chalk while the pupils have three times as much chalk dust to breath. Slate lasts as long as the building and costs nothing after it is installed. It is very much cheaper in the end.

This supervisory district has an excellent teaching force. Most of the teachers are experienced and trained teachers. Some of the teachers have had no training but have had experience in teaching before this school year and are doing good work. I do not recommend the employment of untrained and inexperienced teachers. Why should we furnish rural schools for would-be teachers to get their experience and training when

the state supports one of the best and the largest training school for teachers in our midst? With state aid we can get well trained teachers for the same salaries that we pay our poorest teachers? I fail to see much reason for assuming a student in a large high school will be a successful teacher in a small rural school. She may have the knowledge of the subject matter but does she know how so impart it? We are fortunately located as regards the teacher supply. Many of the teachers are graduates from the Randolph Normal and of the Randolph Teacher Training Class. Many of these graduates live in this district and can and will teach for less than teachers from outside the district. The state aid law has been the means of inducing excellent, well trained teachers to return to teaching. Braintree has not as large proportion of this class of teachers as the other two towns. The average weekly salary is only a few cents lower than the other two towns.

The value of a superintendent's work is not measured by the number of visits he makes to the schools but he must keep in touch with the schools at all times by personal visits. I expect to visit every school at least six times per year. I have made that many visits to many of the schools up to the first of February. Some schools I have visited more than this number of times. I expect to make about 250 visits to the rural schools this year. The area of this district is about 120 square miles and it takes many miles of traveling to visit all the schools. For example: during the month of October my average was 40 miles per day while visiting schools. Some weeks I have driven nearly 300 miles doing my school work. I plan to spend more time visiting schools during the months that I can use the auto than during the winter. I can visit twice as many schools with the auto than I can with a team. There are many details in the

administration of a school system of nearly 1000 pupils and I shall do as much as possible of this office work in the winter, thereby giving me more time to spend in the schools and spending less time on the road. In visiting school this winter I have been handicapped by finding many schools closed because of illness which necessitates going over the same ground the second time and in some instances the third time. Usually I have been able to avoid this because the teacher has informed me that her school was closed, but I have not always had this information.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. PATTERSON,  
Superintendent.















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